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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 (c), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to make the subject application special so that it may be taken out of turn for immediate action. In accordance with M.P.E.P. 708.02 VI B, the undersigned attorney believes this application relates to more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources because implementation of the invention, as demonstrated in the patent application, results in a water savings of over 30% and a steam savings of over 50% when compared with the traditional prior art nixtamalization process.

An information disclosure statement was mailed on November 13, 2003. To date, no further action has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Due to the fact that Applicant's claims reduce energy consumption this Petition to Make Special is being filed.

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Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition be granted.

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